

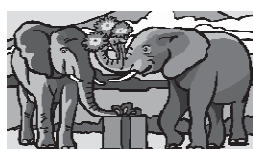




# October



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BIRTHDAYS:

October 2	Shannon Cooley
October 2	Jennifer Cole
October 2	Sam Strittmatter
October 2	Ann McClue
October 3	Mike Canales
October 4	Dave Bailley
October 4	Jonathan Lyons
October 6	Janet Schaefer
October 9	Les Jackson
October 10	Danny Ranville
October 10	Tom Jones

ANNIVERSARIES:

October 8	Roy & Meredith Cole
October 12	Jeff & Sharolyn Metternich
October 14	Mark & Lou Ann Sellers
October 24	Rod & Jill Westhuis
October 26	Pastor Ed & Joyce Weiss
October 28	Denny & Lana Qualey
October 29	Matt & Megan Wallis

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Mike's Musings

A relationship with Christ is built on faith. We talk about being a Christian and yet do we really have faith? I hear almost every day of people who are trapped by fears, and worries and either don't know, or don't believe that God cares about what is going on in their lives. So, what is faith? Is it positive thinking? Is it one's church affiliation? Or perhaps confidence in one's own ability? Or is it something more? Scripture says that "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him". (Hebrews 11:6)

Where better can we see what faith is but in scripture? Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Trust is the key to faith. Do you really trust Him if you worry? Mark 9:23 says "Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe? All things are possible for one who believes.'" Jesus said in Matthew 17:20 "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

So, all of these scriptures tell us God is faithful when we come to Him, but how do we build faith? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." To build your faith you must be diligent in studying God's word. I suggest reading His word daily. Maybe just a few verses a day, but read it, memorize it, make it part of you and you will see a change in your faith. Also look back on your life. Recognize where God has clearly come through for you, where God has answered your prayers. Thank Him for those things and trust Him that He will continue to do the same. If you are struggling with things that are beyond your control, know God is in control. Imagine that God knows how many hairs are on your head he surely cares about what is going on in your life. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



### Operation Christmas Child

We've been gathering items to fill boxes in November. These are just suggestions – look for items on sale or clearance! *The October suggestion is for a personal note or letter to the child who receives the box. But there is always a need for other items for the big packing party next month, so anything fun!!*

### Matthew 18:20 Meetup Class

Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm to fellowship and discuss various topics. Please plan to attend!

## Change to Make a Change

Kids helping Kids. We will be collecting your spare change as well as other donations to help support several causes this year including:

### Coats for Kids

### Operation Christmas Child "Shoeboxes"

### Purses with a Purpose

We will have collection boxes for any items that are donated. Thanks for your support helping us to make a "Change" in our community.



### Remembrance Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

We will have a candle lighting ceremony to remember family and friends that we have lost this year. If you would like to have someone included in this service, please contact the Church Office.

### Bloomington Youth Group to lead worship Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The youth group will lead us in the morning worship. They will share their testimonies with us. A provided luncheon will follow the service. Any questions please call Kristi Laninga 231-445-0520

### Willing Workers are changing their name!

They will now be known as Helping Hands for Jesus. Their next meeting will be Thursday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please consider helping to support our ministries.

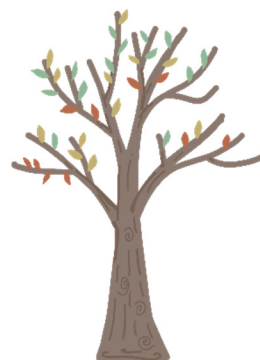


### Christmas Cantata will be returning

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** If you would be interested in participating, please talk with Sharolyn Metternich

### Food Pantry Resumes Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 10am

Help is needed to support healthy nutrition for those in need. We will need donations and help to distribute food on the day of the events. Please plan to help out if you are able. Thanks!





**Pinecrest Fellowship** is the first Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm. There will be a short devotional, prayer and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and visit with the residents.



**Memorial for Jerry Archer Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 11am**

**Want something mentioned in the newsletter?**  
Let the Church Office know! Thanks.  
(231) 436-8682 or [cotsoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:cotsoffice@yahoo.com)

**Coffee Hour and Liturgist Sign Ups**  
Please see the various sign-up sheets by the entrance to the church. We always need help with Coffee Hour and for readers on Sunday.



# SARM happenings

## At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



**Bridge Walk and Breakfast at Audie’s**

### Upcoming Events

- October 20<sup>th</sup> Celebrating SARM Sunday Lunch after Church**
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Trunk or Treat at Old School Park**
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Help Decorate a Christmas Tree at the Rec Center**
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Shopping for Coats for Kids at Cheboygan Walmart**

**Shannon Cooley at Church of the Straits. Wednesday through Friday 11 AM to 2 PM (231)436-8682**

**\*SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry \*COS Church of the Straits**

**\*YMS Youth Ministry Sunday \*MC Mackinaw City.**

All changes to SARM schedule will be posted on SARM Youth Facebook page or you can always contact youth director Shannon Cooley at COS (231) 436-8682 for updates.

# Straits Talk Newsletter

## October 2024



The Mission of Church of the Straits:  
To worship God faithfully  
To grow together spiritually  
To serve Jesus Christ and  
our neighbor joyfully  
...in the power of God's Spirit.

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### OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Remember the old song “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction” by the Rolling Stones. The title to that song plays out in millions of hearts today in our world because people don’t know what will truly satisfy. Christians even struggle with this because they forget the source of satisfaction is a personal growing relationship with Jesus. I read a story lately about being satisfied. I want to share it with you and then share a scripture text at the end that gives our context for being content, satisfied:

An investment banker was at the pier of a small coastal village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. The banker complimented the fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them.

The fisherman replied, “Only a little while”

The banker then asked why didn’t he stay out longer and catch more fish?

The fisherman said he had enough to support his family’s immediate needs.

The banker then asked, “But what do you do with the rest of your time?”

The fisherman said, “I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take a nap with my wife, stroll into the village each evening where I play guitar and sing with my friends. I have a full and busy life.”

The banker scoffed, “I am a Harvard MBA, and I could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat, you should buy several boats, eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman, you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing, and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to a big city where you will run your expanding enterprise.”

The fisherman asked, “but how long will this all take?”

To which the banker replied, “15-20 years.”

“But what then?”

The banker laughed and said that’s the best part. “When the time is right, you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich. You would make millions.”

“Millions...Then what?”

The banker said, “Then you would retire. Move to a small costal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take a nap with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could play guitar and sing with your friends.”



Paul says in Philippians 4:12-13, “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” Therin lies the secret divulged for you and me. Jesus is the answer to what makes us content.

Love you,

*Pastor Dave*

Pastor Dave

